

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

Brenda Brittain, Morgan County Assessor, requested approval of a contract for legal services. The Assessor's Office has been working with someone who occasionally assists with property tax appeals. This person, instead of hiring additional staff, has joined the Nexus firm. Assistance is only needed on an occasional basis for tax appeals that make it to the state level. Pete Foley has reviewed the contract between the county and Nexus. The hourly fee stays the same at \$140 per hour. Discussion followed regarding a current case in which the Assessor's Office is using legal assistance. Don Adams made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

WORK RELEASE FEE ORDINANCE

Volitta Fritche, Morgan County Sheriff's Deputy, stated that this ordinance sets up the fee structure for participants in the Work Release Program. Ms. Fritche stated that any participant who has a Morgan County address, regardless of where they are sentenced, is considered a Morgan County resident for fee purposes. The ordinance includes fees for meals, intake, and supervision. The fees will be used to offset the cost of clothing, sheets, towels, hygiene kits, drug tests, meals, etc. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

DRIVEWAY PERMIT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – 2nd Reading

Norman Voyles stated that this amendment changed the amounts of the fees. Any fees that were previously \$25 are now \$50 and the \$100 fees are now \$150. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the Driveway Permit Ordinance Amendment on second reading. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

WORD SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

Greg Williams, Morgan County Interim Communications Officer, was present to request approval of a maintenance agreement with Word Systems, Inc. This item was tabled from a previous meeting. Mr. Williams presented the one-year agreement, which is for \$19,799.40. The agreement states that updates and repairs are included in the fee. Norman Voyles and Brian Goss stated that they did not have a problem with the three-year agreement; they did not like paying for all three years up front. Pete Foley discussed adding additional language regarding termination of the contract and refunding the payment on a pro-rata basis. Mr. Foley stated that he would send the changes to Mr. Williams for approval.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FACADE

Elliott Allen, DLZ, was present to review and update the Board on the recommendations made regarding the cause of the cracks in the exterior corners of the Administration Building façade panels. DLZ recommended additional study for the concrete panel spalling and proposed a three-phase approach. The first phase would involve bringing out a contractor and opening up access holes to inspect the condition behind the panel. From that, DLZ would put together a report detailing what was found and recommendations for repair. The second phase would involve assembling construction documents for the repair. The third phase would involve construction administration services.

Mr. Elliott handed out information regarding the elevation of the proposed access holes and discussion followed. Norman Voyles stated that he received a proposal from CDi to furnish a lift, remove the brick, and inspect the area for \$2,500. The \$5,000 proposal from DLZ includes \$1,500 for construction management, \$3,500 for a forensic structural engineer, and lists an additional \$4,500 for reimbursable expenses; the \$2,500 proposal from CDi would be included in the reimbursable expenses. Brian Goss stated that he did not feel an engineer would be necessary unless they were unable to tell what was causing the damage to the façade after the openings were inspected. Mr. Voyles asked if it would be possible to omit the forensic engineer from the agreement. Mr. Elliott stated that he would have to review the scope of work and report back.

TORT CLAIM

Brian Goss made a motion to send the Westmoreland tort claim to the insurance company. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Don Adams made a motion to submit the Prosch and Galarza incident claims to the insurance company. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY / ENGINEER UPDATE

Brian Goss stated that Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, was on vacation for two weeks and he was filling in. Crews are stockpiling, patching, and sweeping loose gravel off the roads.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Brian Goss

Don Adams

Attest:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor